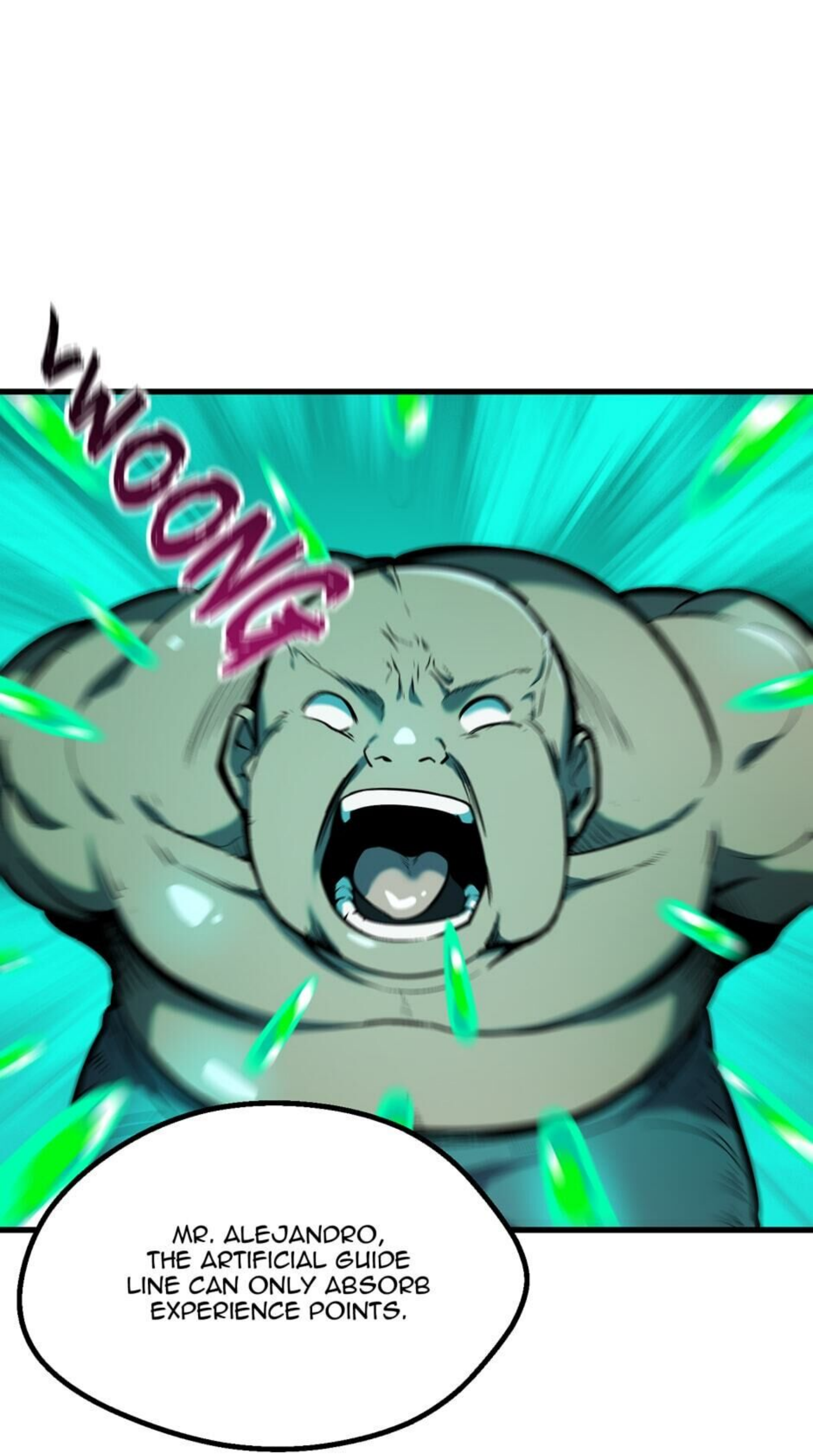
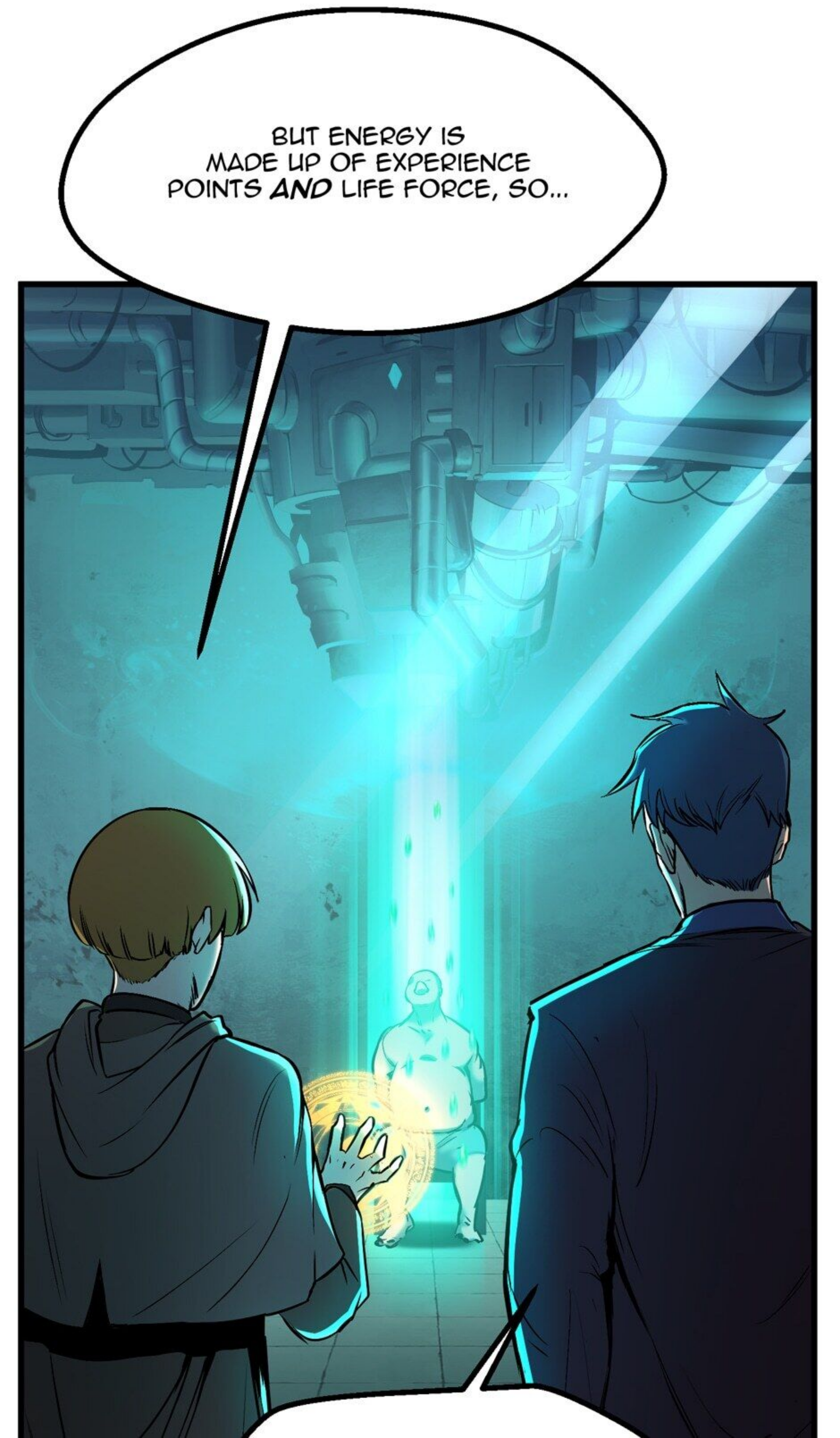

WOOOOOSH
MR. ALEJANDRO, THE ARTIFICIAL GUIDE LINE CAN ONLY ABSORB EXPERIENCE POINTS.

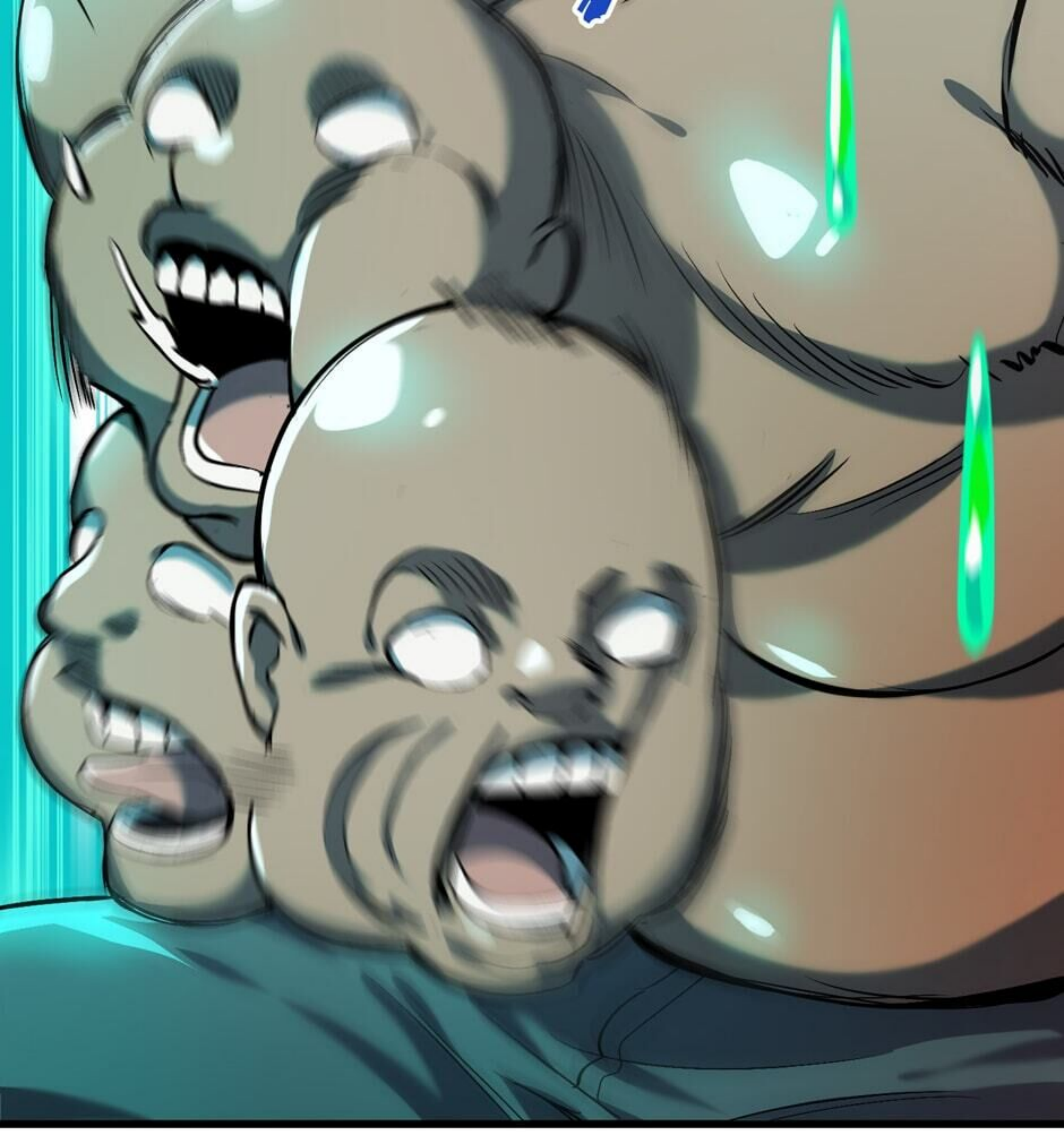

BUT ENERGY IS MADE UP OF EXPERIENCE POINTS AND LIFE FORCE, SO...

...WITHOUT THE DRAGON CORE, THE REMAINING LIFE FORCE BECOMES TOO MUCH TO HANDLE AND THEY DIE, RIGHT?

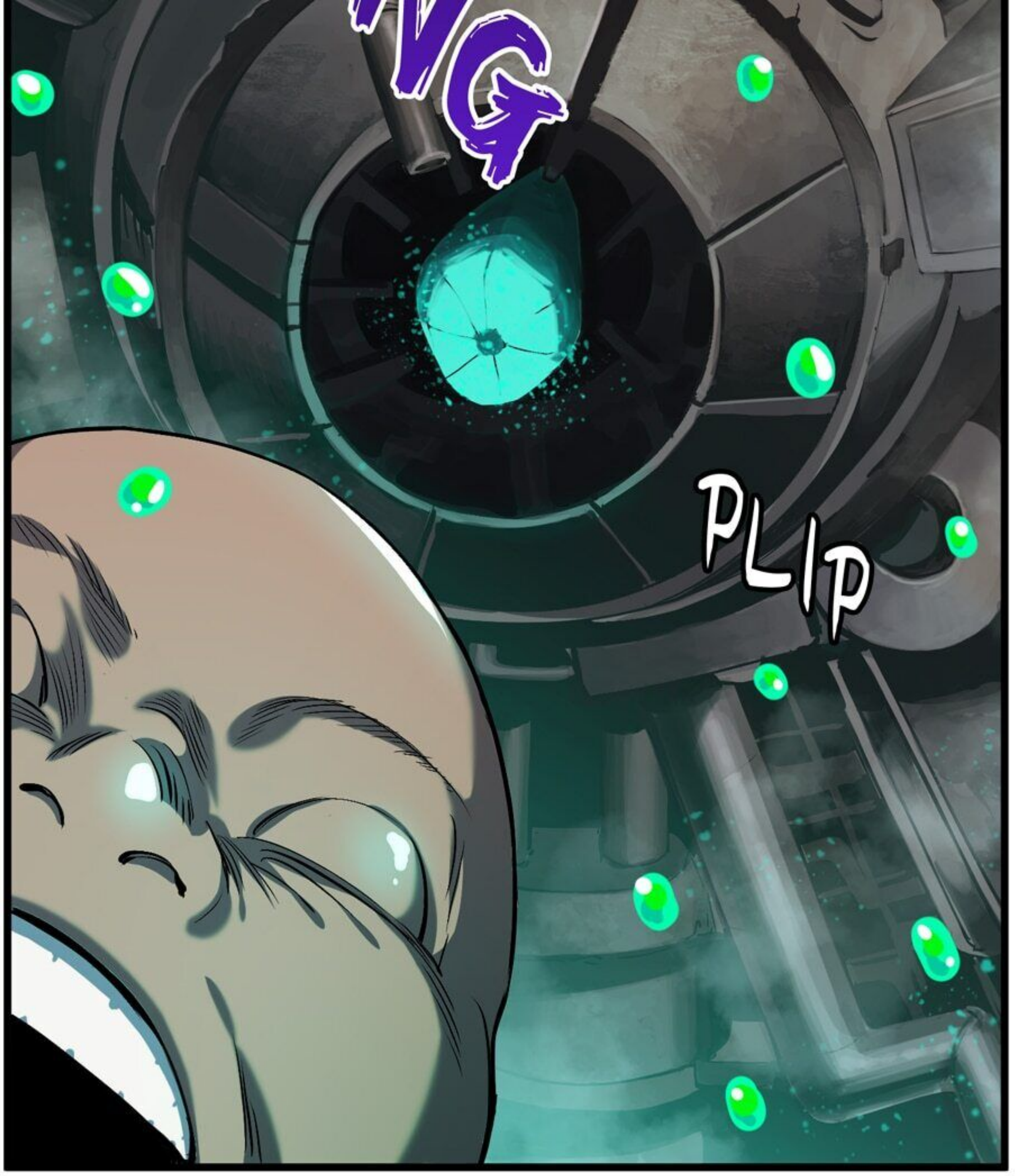
IT DOESN'T MATTER. ALL I CARE ABOUT IS TO SEE IF THE DRAGON'S NEST IS OPERATIONAL.

INJECTING
MORE ENERGY.

VWOONG



KWOOA



S-SIR!
THE EXPERIMENT
IS HITTING ITS LIMITS!

HM... I GUESS JUST THIS WON'T DO...
IN ORDER TO PERFECT THE ARTIFICIAL GUIDE LINE...

SEVERAL THINGS NEED TO COME INTO PLAY—A HUMAN FITTED WITH AN ARTIFICIAL GUIDE LINE, A DRAGON CORE, AND...
A PERFECTLY-FUNCTIONING DRAGON'S NEST SO I CAN INJECT MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF ENERGY INTO THE DRAGON CORE.

THE DRAGON'S NEST IS REPAIRED ALREADY.

FLINCH

FLINCH

BUT IT STOPPED WORKING AFTER A CERTAIN POINT.

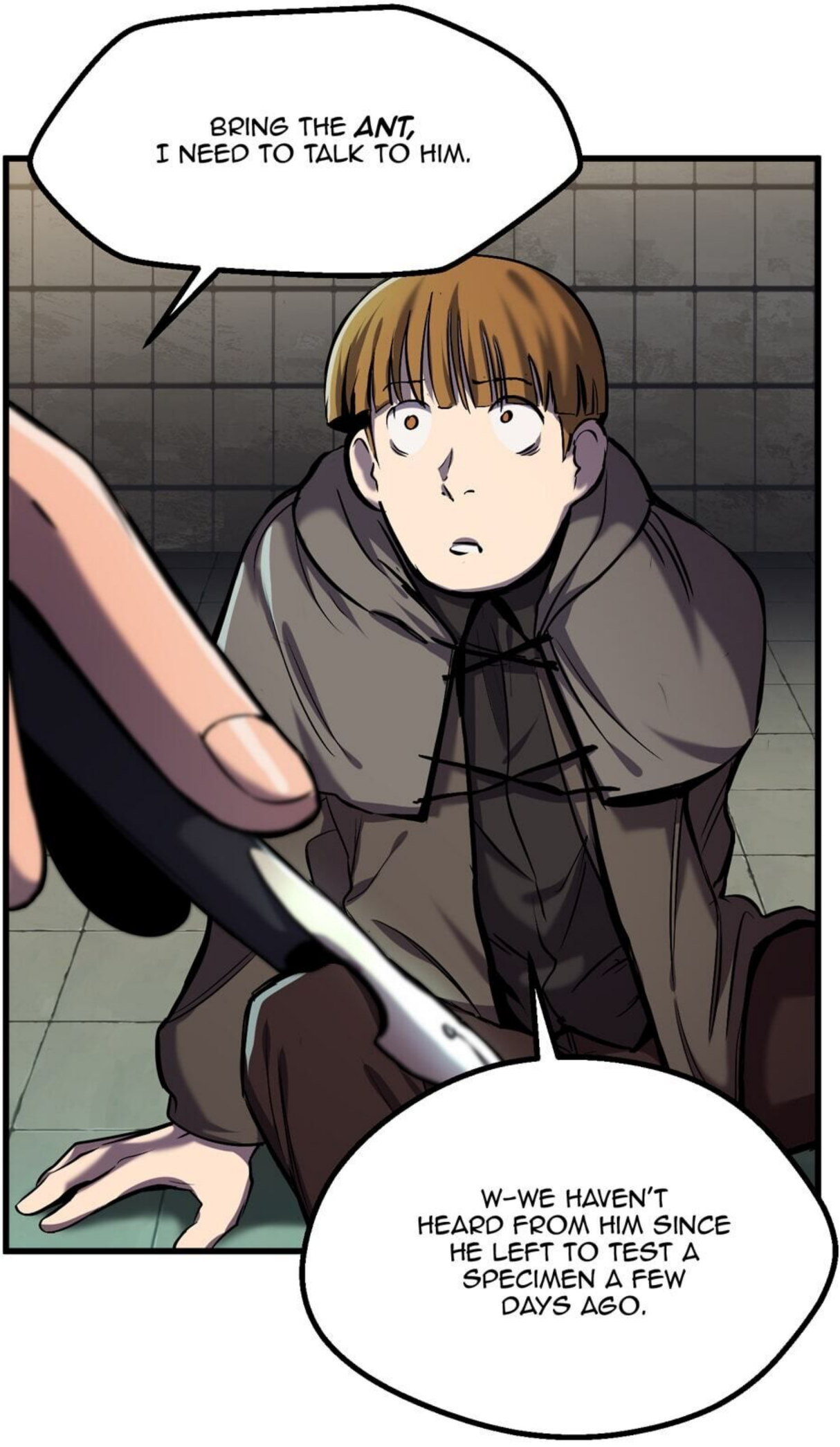
WE FOLLOWED THE OLD DRAGONS'

THE OLD DRAGONS DESIGN, SO IT SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY INHERENT FUNCTIONAL ISSUES...

CHWIK

FWIPIP

PTWP
IS THERE SOME SORT OF 'KEY' OR SOMETHING WE'RE MISSING TO GET THE NEST STARTED?


BRING THE ANT, I NEED TO TALK TO HIM.
W-WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE HE LEFT TO TEST A SPECIMEN A FEW DAYS AGO.

A SPECIMEN? YOU MEAN, PRIEST EMIL?
THUD
YES, SIR. HE TOOK TWO LEVEL-60 SPECIMENS WITH WELL-DEVELOPED PURSUIT SKILLS ALONG.

LEVEL 60? THAT'S THE LEVEL OF A LOCAL DUNGEON BOSS...
BUT HE'S STILL NOT BACK YET?
IF SOMEONE GOT IN HIS WAY AND TOOK CARE OF THOSE TWO MONSTERS AT ONCE...

...WAS IT AN INQUISITOR?
DAMN IT... SOMETHING MUST'VE GONE WRONG!

GATHER THE TEST MONSTERS TO GUARD THE BOTTOMMOST LEVEL.

THE BOTTOMMOST LEVEL... YOU MEAN THE ***FORCE FUSION REACTOR?***

HOW MANY?

ALL OF THEM.

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IT'S BEEN A WEEK

SINCE MISS ARTIS CAME TO THE DRAGON'S NEST.

MISS ARTIS AND ELLIE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING EVERY CORNER OF THE NEST.

MISS ARTIS SEEMED TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE DRAGON'S NEST SINCE SHE'S A DRAGON HERSELF

AND ELLIE SEEMS TO BE FEELING SAFE HAVING HER AROUND.

BUT A BIG WYVERN LIKE ME CAN'T DO MUCH TO HELP THEM...

...SINCE I CAN'T GET INSIDE THE FACILITY.

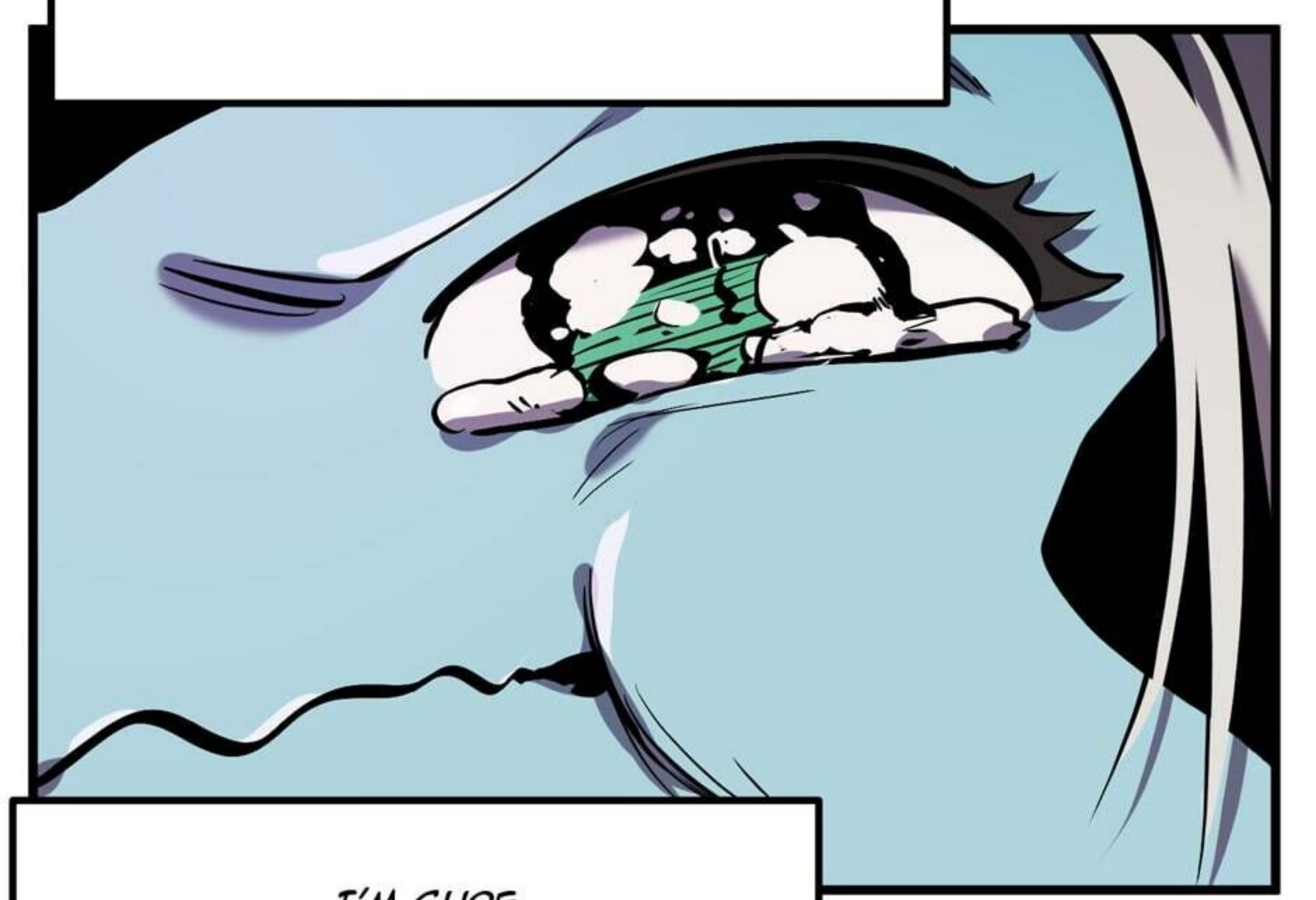
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SPEND MUCH TIME WITH ELLIE LATELY BECAUSE OF THAT.

I'M ALL BY MYSELF MOST OF THE TIME, WHICH MAKES ME FEEL A LITTLE BORED AND LONELY...

...BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE **NOTHING** TO DO ALL DAY.

I'VE BEEN BUSY TRYING TO PERFECT MY DRAGON CORE!

MISS ARTIS WOULD MEAN NOTHING TO ELLIE AS SOON AS I'M DONE PERFECTING IT!

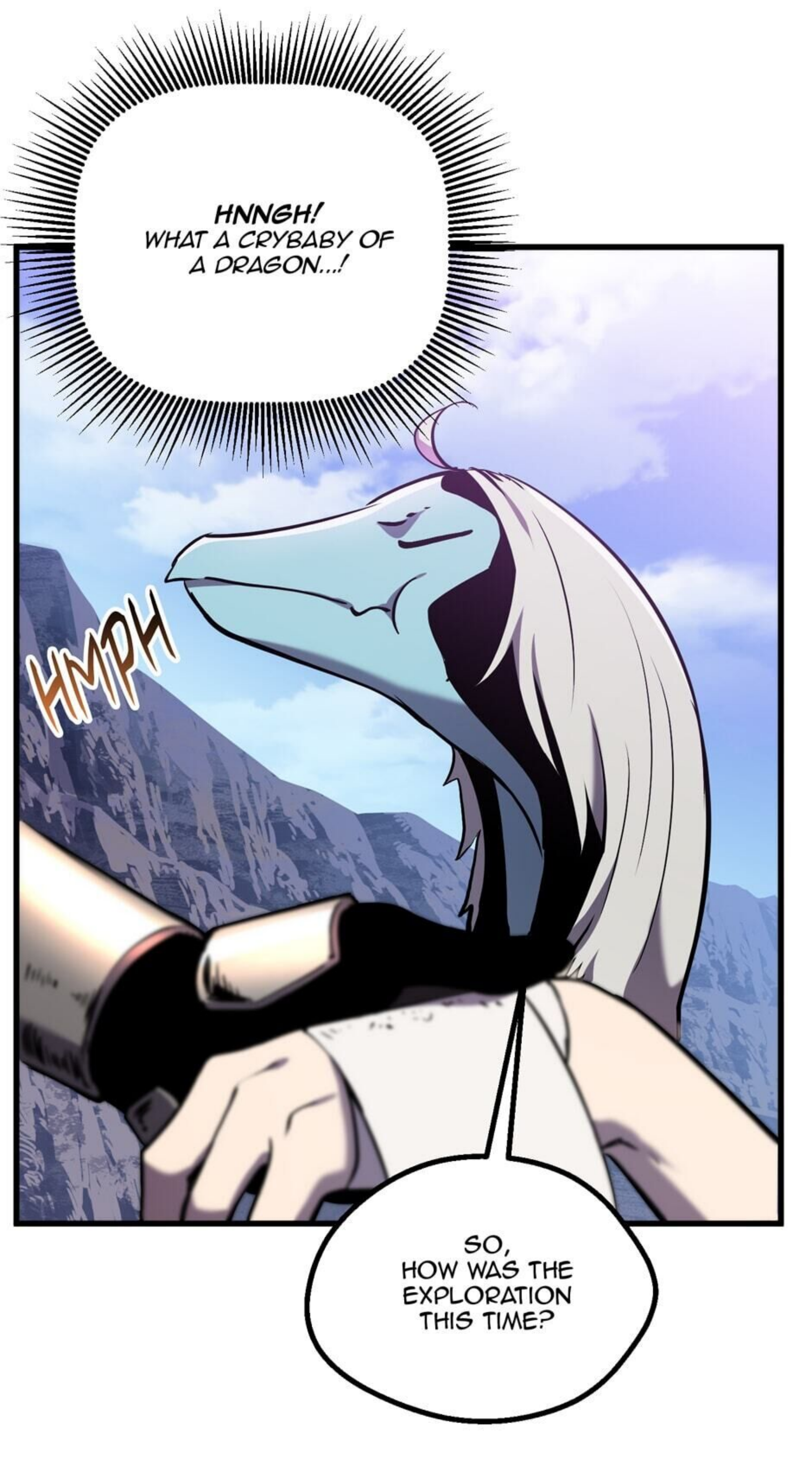


I'M SURE ELLIE WILL SEE ME IN A NEW LIGHT!

I WON'T SAY
A WORD TO HER UNTIL
THAT DAY COMES...

I HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT TODAY!
I THINK MY DRAGON CORE IS NEARING ITS COMPLETION~ REALLY...
FWIP
FWIP
HERE, MISS ARTIS! DOES IT HURT?

IT'S JUST A SCRATCH.
THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME TO A REAL HUNTER!
COME ON~ YOU'RE JUST BRAGGING ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU'RE AN OFFICIAL HUNTER...
HAHA... SORRY.


HNNGH!
WHAT A CRYBABY OF A DRAGON...!
HMPH
SO, HOW WAS THE EXPLORATION THIS TIME?

WE COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING ODD THIS TIME EITHER.
THAT'S SO ODD~! MISS ARTIS WAS SOOO SURE THAT THE DRAGON'S NEST IS BROKEN!

YOU'RE RIGHT... I WAS WRONG.
THE NEST ISN'T BROKEN.
BUT THE REASON IT STILL DOESN'T FUNCTION PROPERLY...

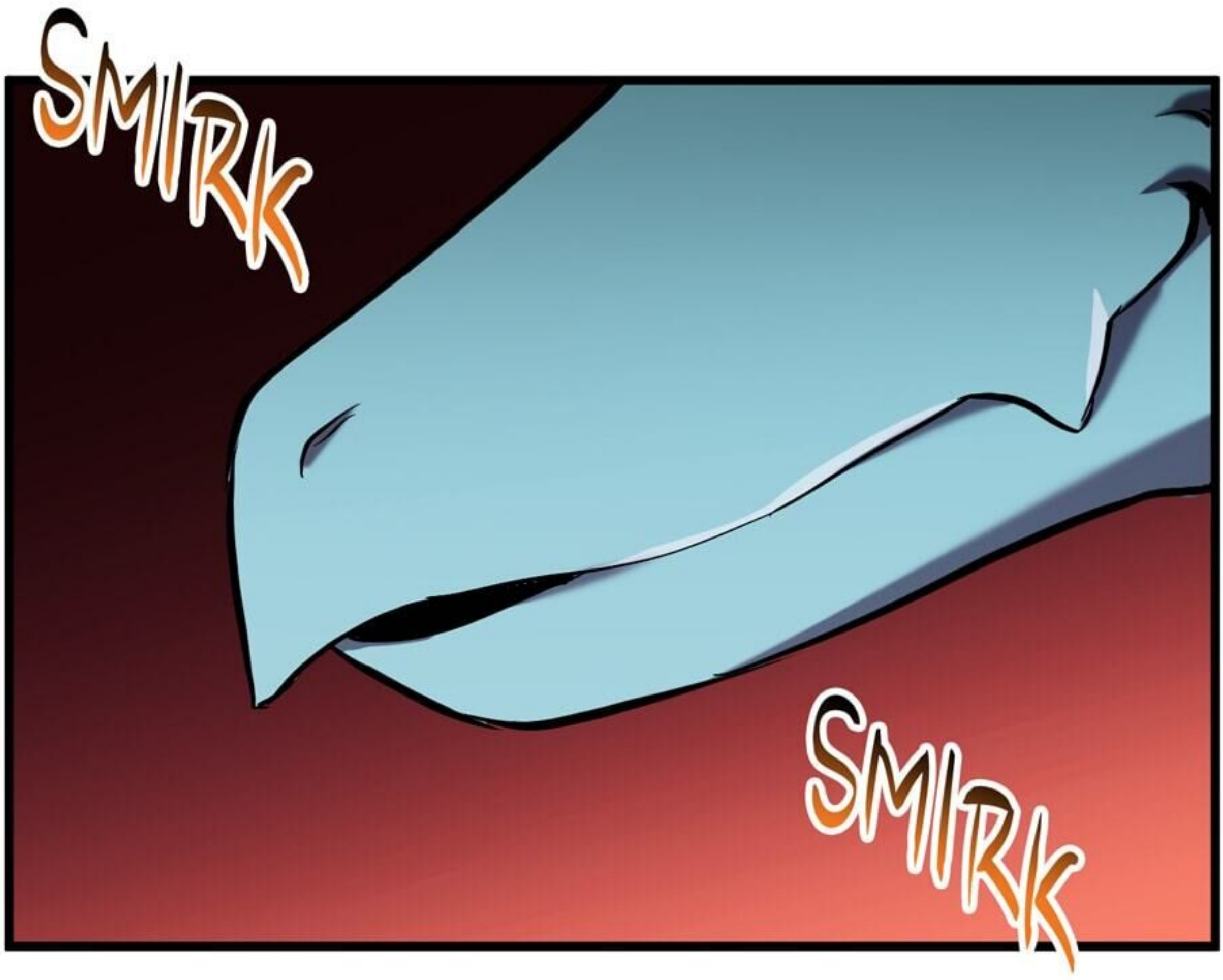
...IS BECAUSE IT NEEDS A KEY TO START IT.
AND THAT KEY IS YOU, EPHYR, AND YOUR DRAGON CORE!

YOU SAID YOU GOT HIT WITH A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF ENERGY WHEN YOU TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM HERE LAST TIME, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHEN YOUR DRAGON CORE WAS FORMED AND YOU MUST'VE BEEN REGISTERED AS THE KEY TO THIS PLACE AT THE SAME TIME.

BUT YOUR DRAGON CORE ISN'T PERFECTED YET.

IT MAY BE ABLE TO MATERIALIZE ENERGY, BUT IT CAN'T ABSORB IT...

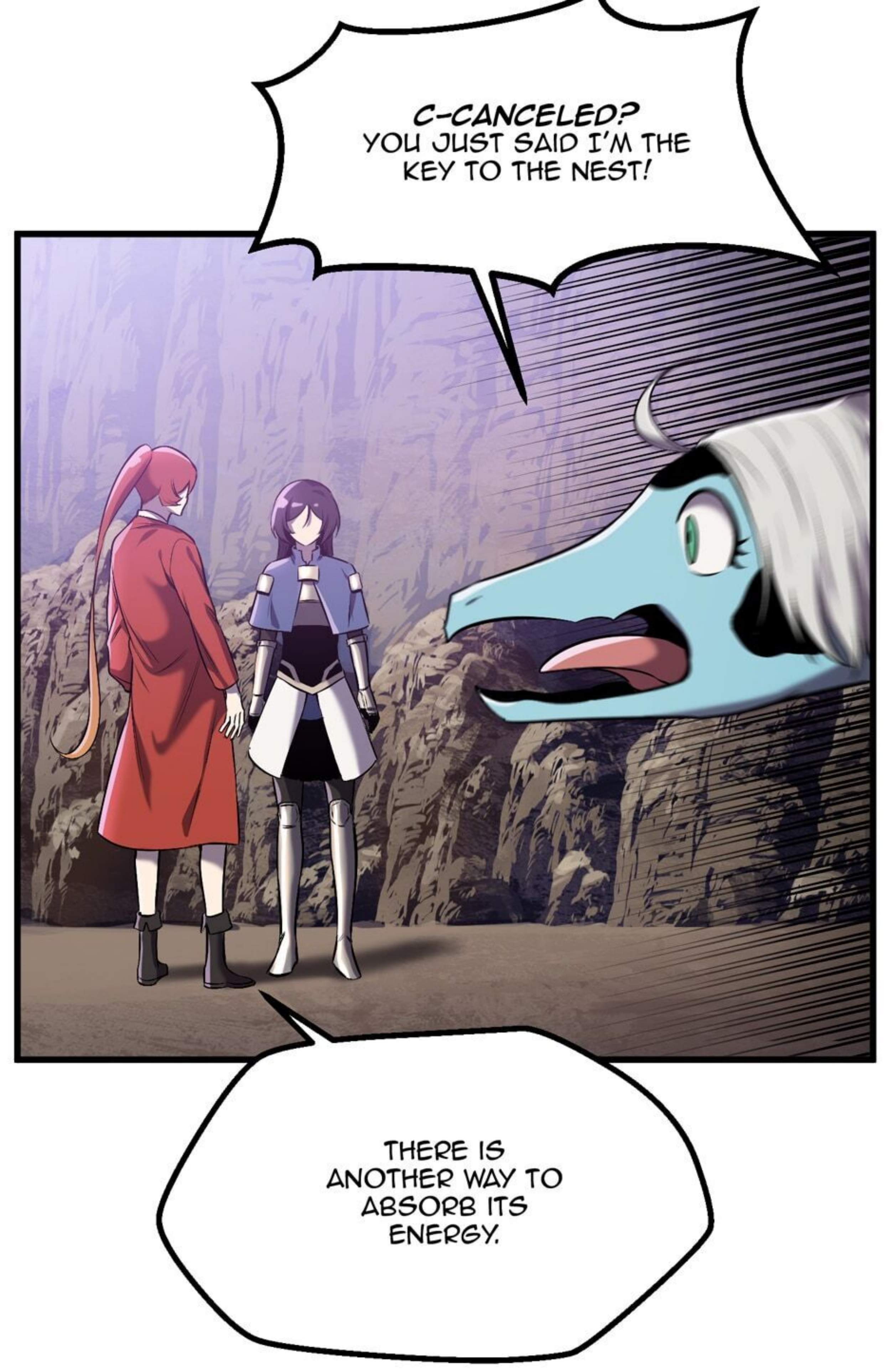
...WHICH IS WHY THE NEST'S ENERGY WASN'T ABSORBED LAST TIME, MAKING IT SEEM LIKE THE NEST WAS MALFUNCTIONING.



I GUESS THERE'S
JUST NO OTHER WAY~
A MAGE WWEON LIKE ME

A MERE WYVERN LIKE ME HOLDS THE MOST IMPORTANT KEY IN SOLVING THIS ENTIRE SITUATION~?!
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PERFECT MY DRAGON CORE AND ABSORB ALL THE ENERGY HERE FOR EVERYONE~!

EPHYR...
THAT PLAN'S BEEN CANCELED.


C-CANCELED? YOU JUST SAID I'M THE KEY TO THE NEST!
THERE IS ANOTHER WAY TO ABSORB ITS ENERGY.

THERE'S AN ENERGY FUSION REACTOR AT THE HEART OF THE NEST, AT ITS BOTTOMMOST LEVEL.
I WILL ABSORB THE DRAGON'S NEST'S ENERGY THERE MYSELF.
AND I'LL BE GOING WITH HER TO FIND THE REACTOR.

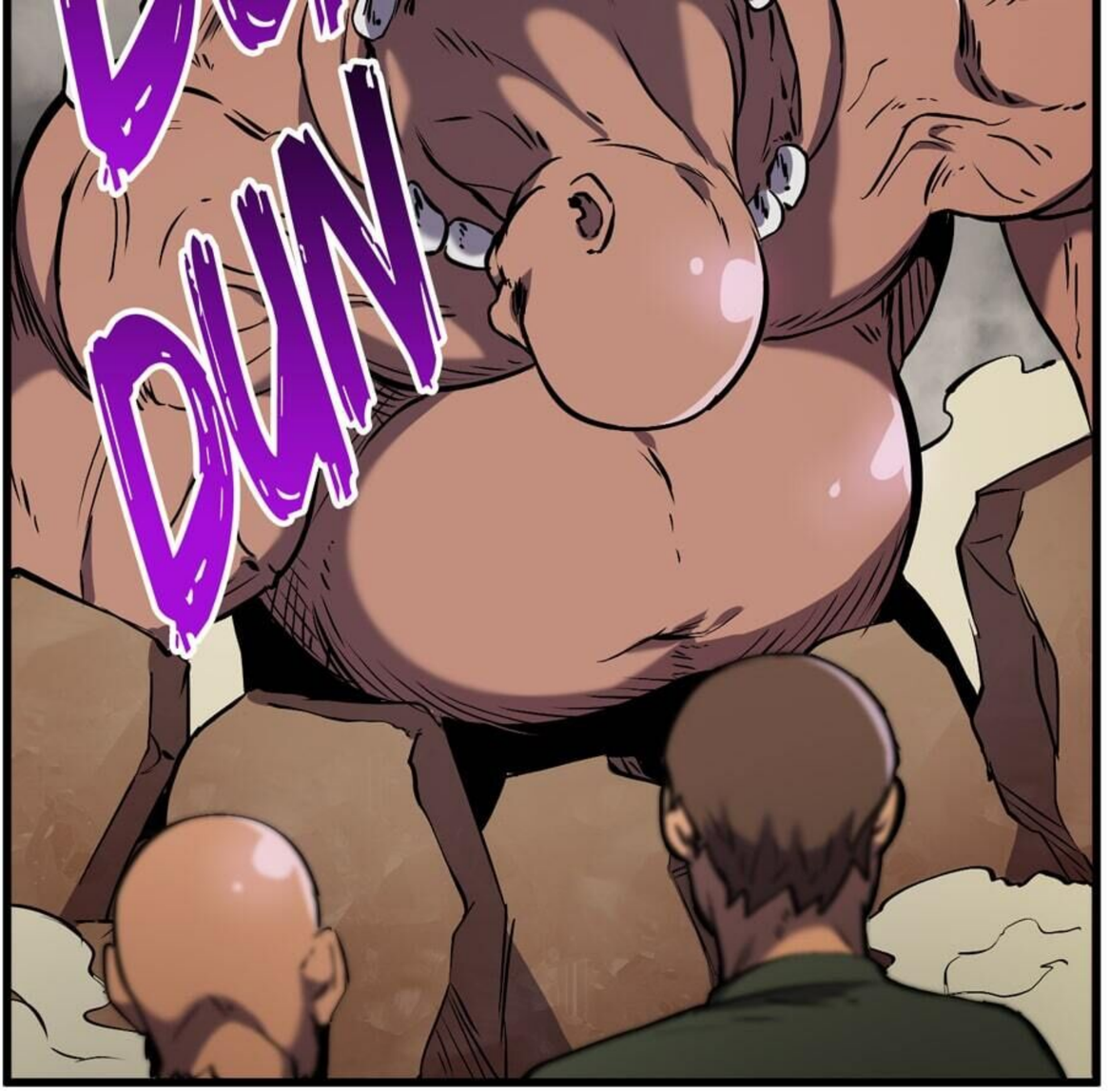
B-BUT...!
I'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD AT--

THUD
WHAT'S THAT SOUND...?!
THUD

THUD
FROM... UNDERGROUND?

NO WAY...!

FROM THE UNDERGROUND LAB?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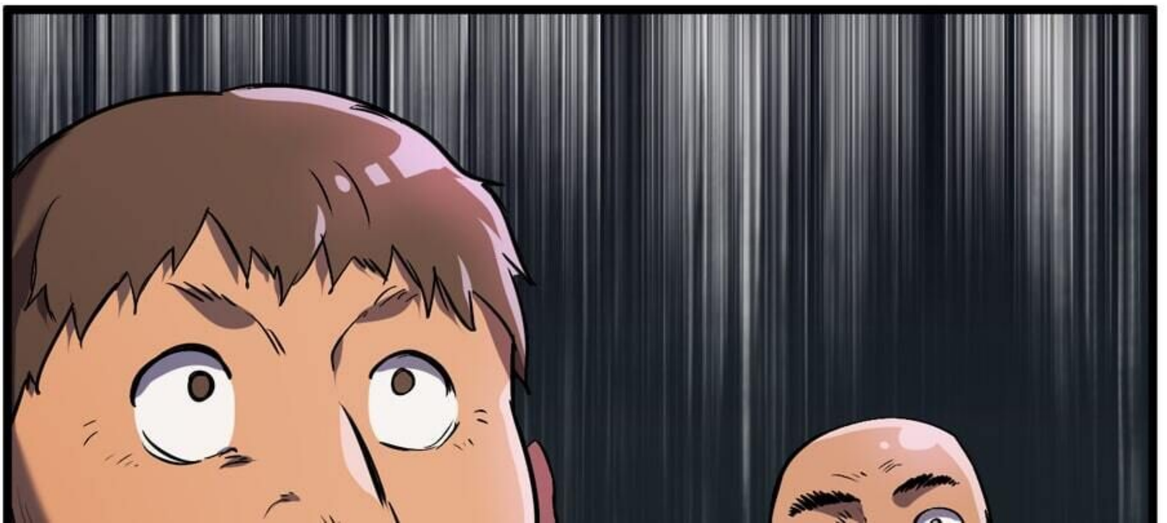
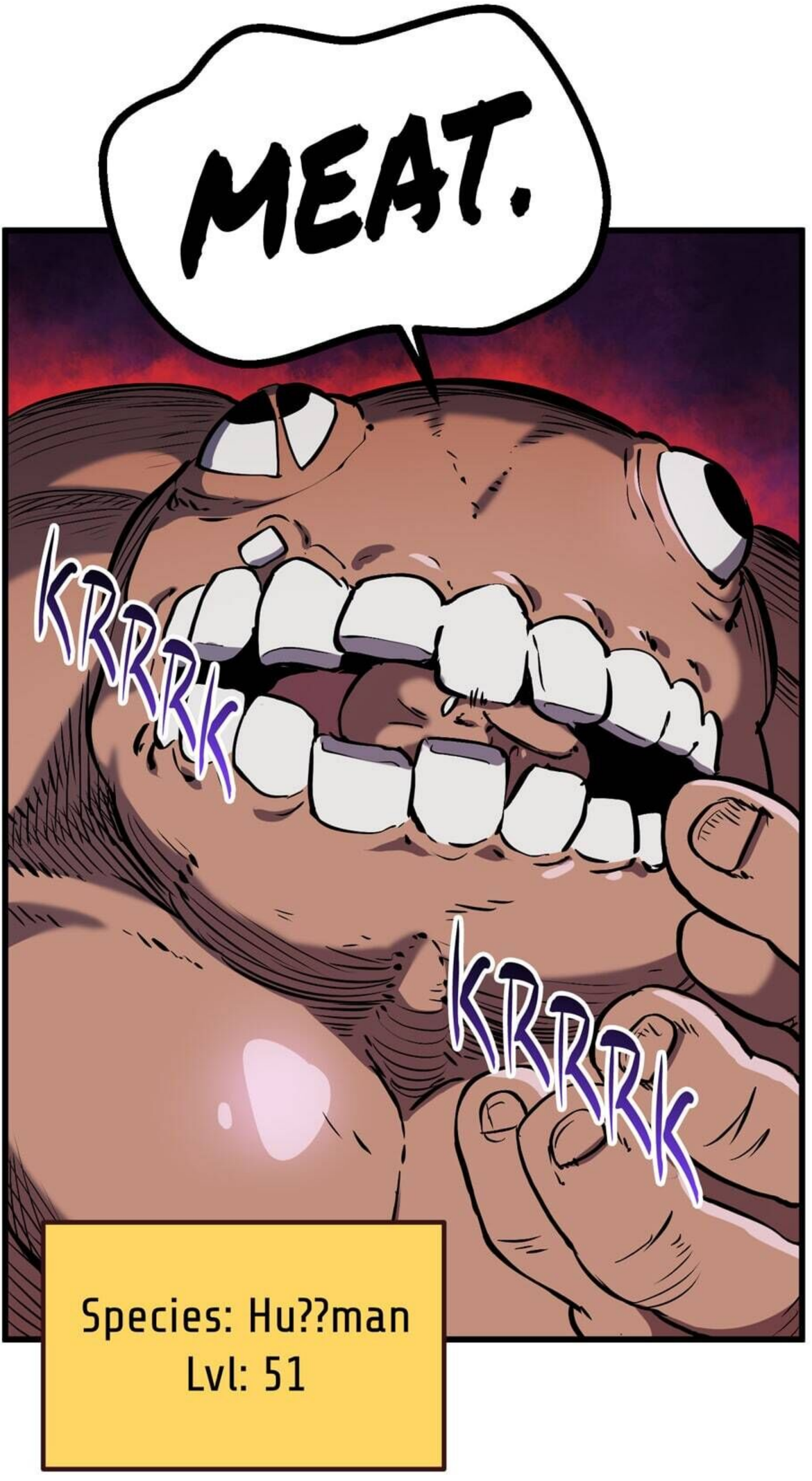
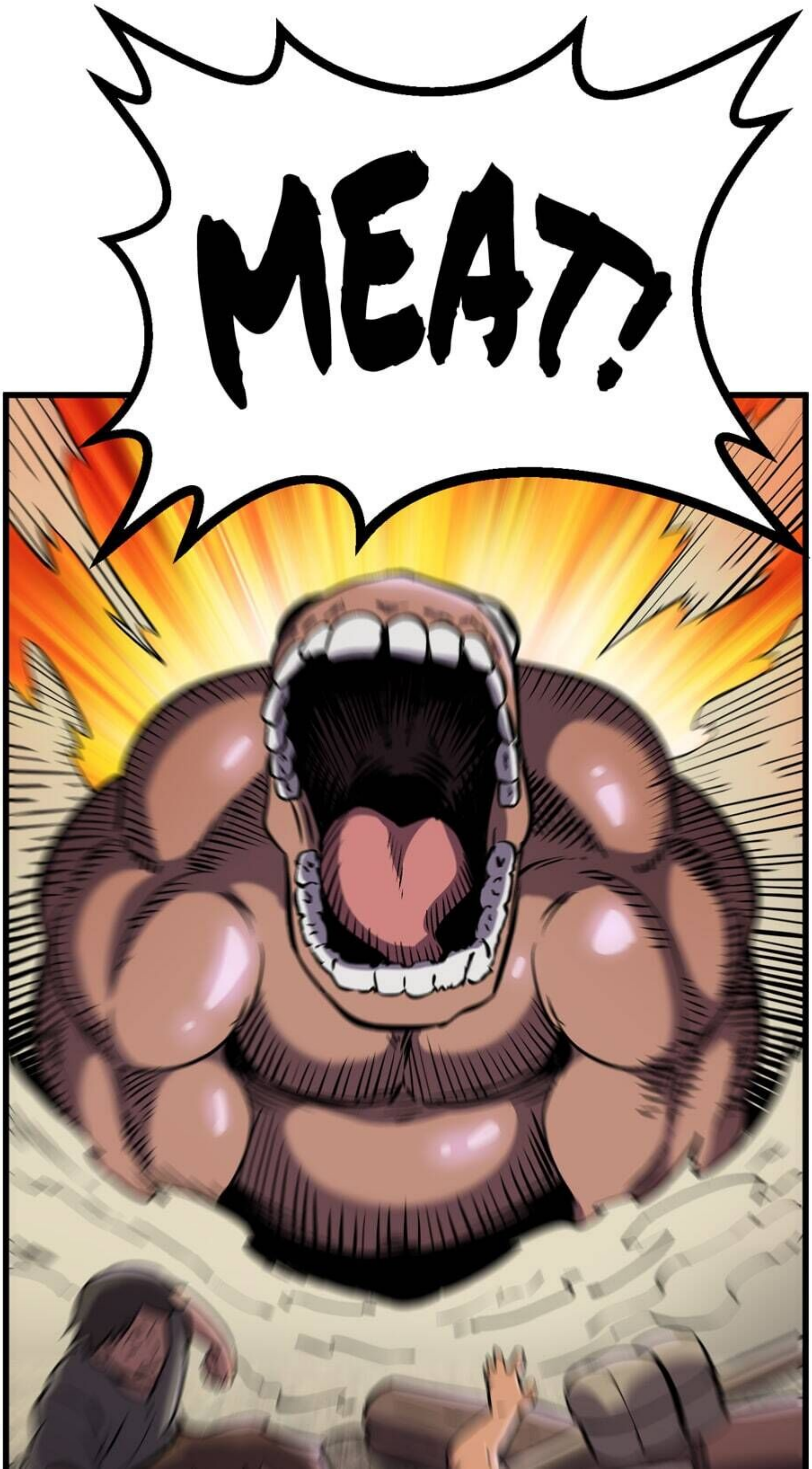
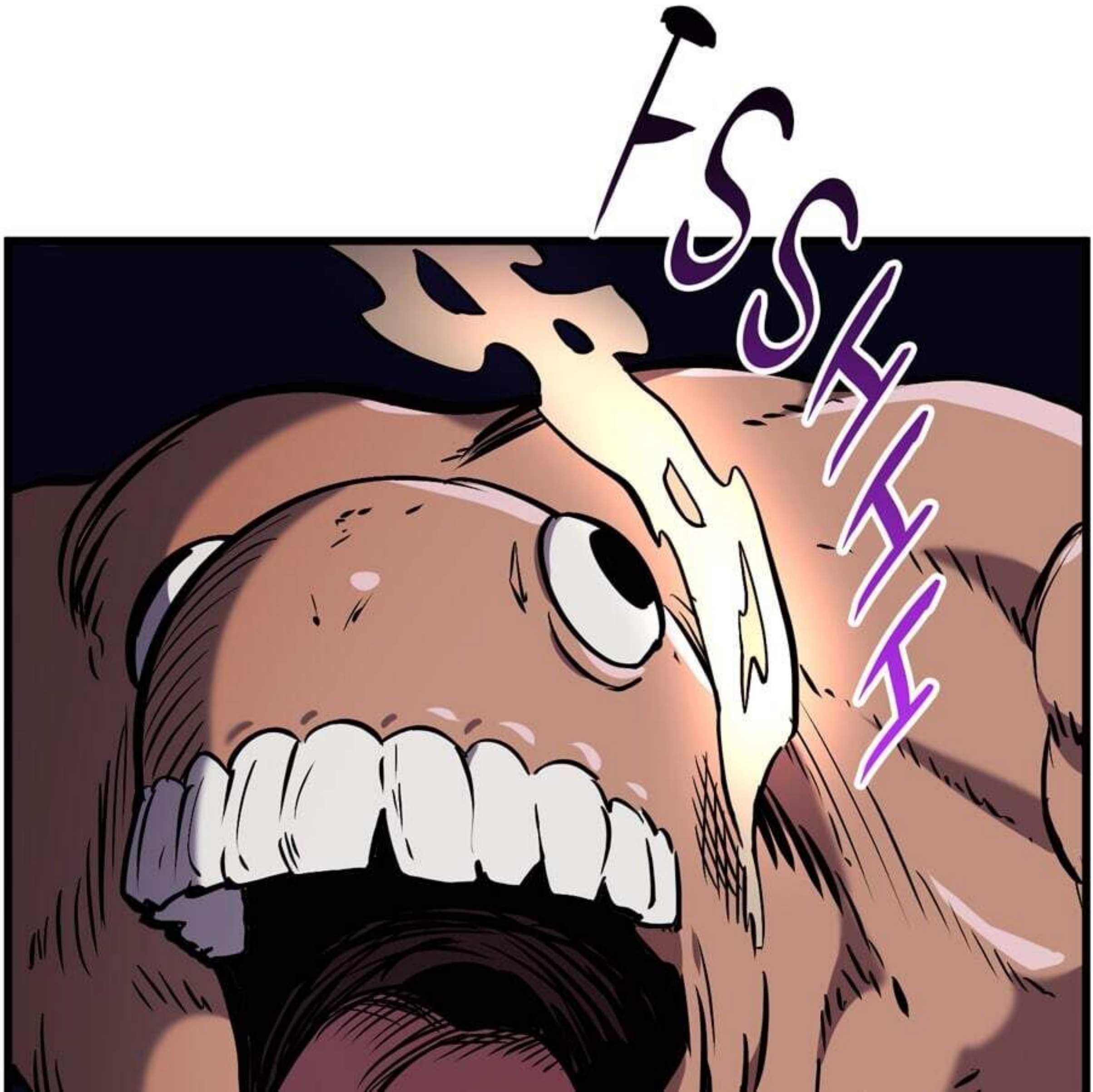


SO HUNGRY...
NEED...
TUP


MEAT.
KRRRK
KRRRK
Species: Hu??man
Lvl: 51


MEAT?

FLOOM


FSSHHH

THERE'S NOT EVEN A SCRATCH!

IT'S TOO FAR!

DID ALEJANDRO PLAN THIS TOO?

PROBABLY NOT...
IT BROKE THROUGH THE GROUND TO GET OUT—IT MUST'VE ESCAPED ON ITS OWN.

ARE THERE ANY HUNTERS DOWN THERE WHO CAN CONTROL THAT THING?

EVEN IF THERE ARE HUNTERS THERE, THEY'D ALL BE UNDER LEVEL 40...

WITH YOU AT LEVEL 45, YOU'RE THE ONLY HUNTER WHO'S EVEN

CLOSE TO MATCHING THAT MONSTER'S LEVEL, MISS ARTIS.
WE'RE SIX LEVELS APART...
I'LL HAVE TO GET CLOSER TO GET THROUGH TO THAT MONSTER.

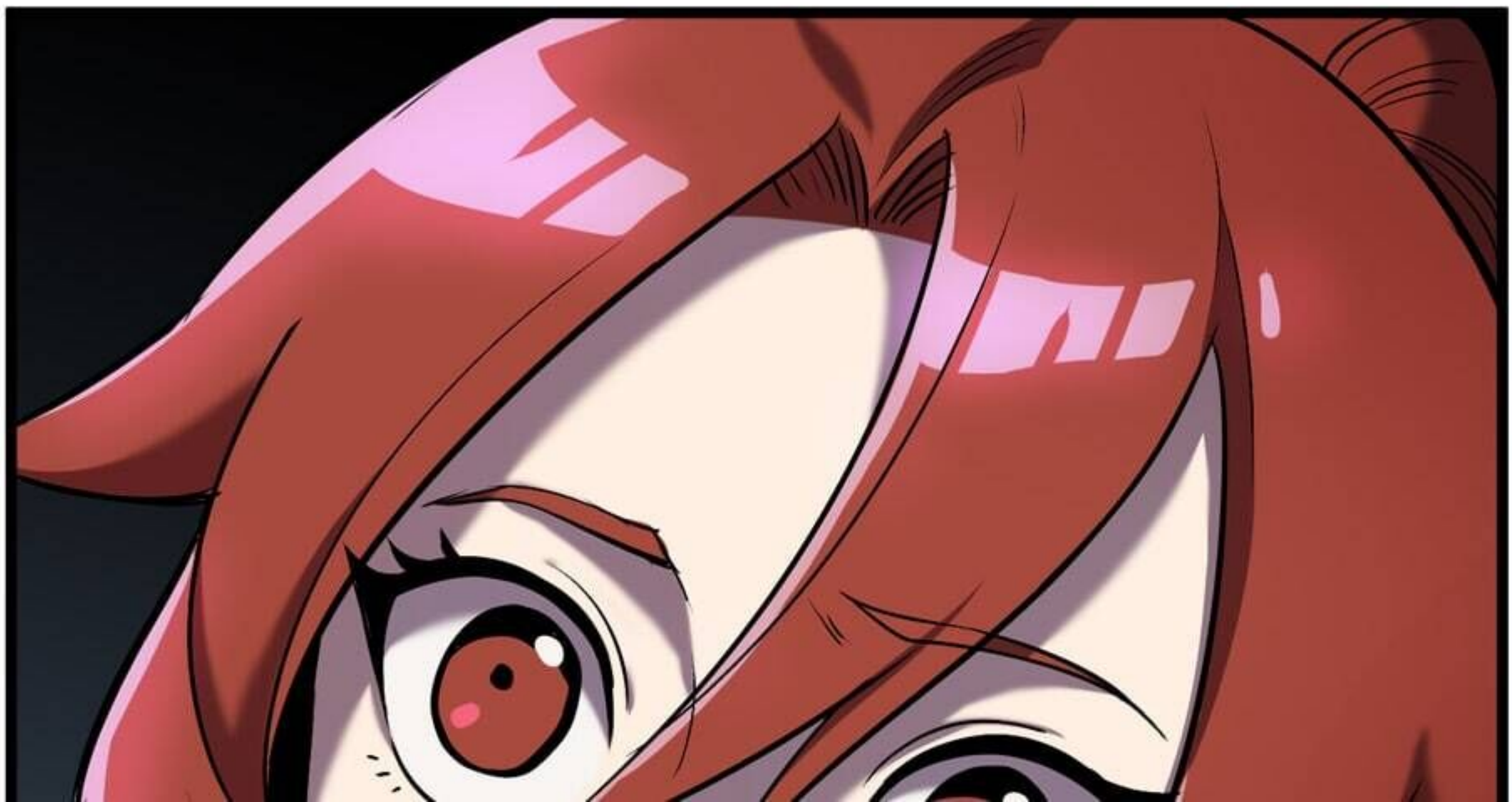
EPHYR,
TAKE ME TO--
FLAP

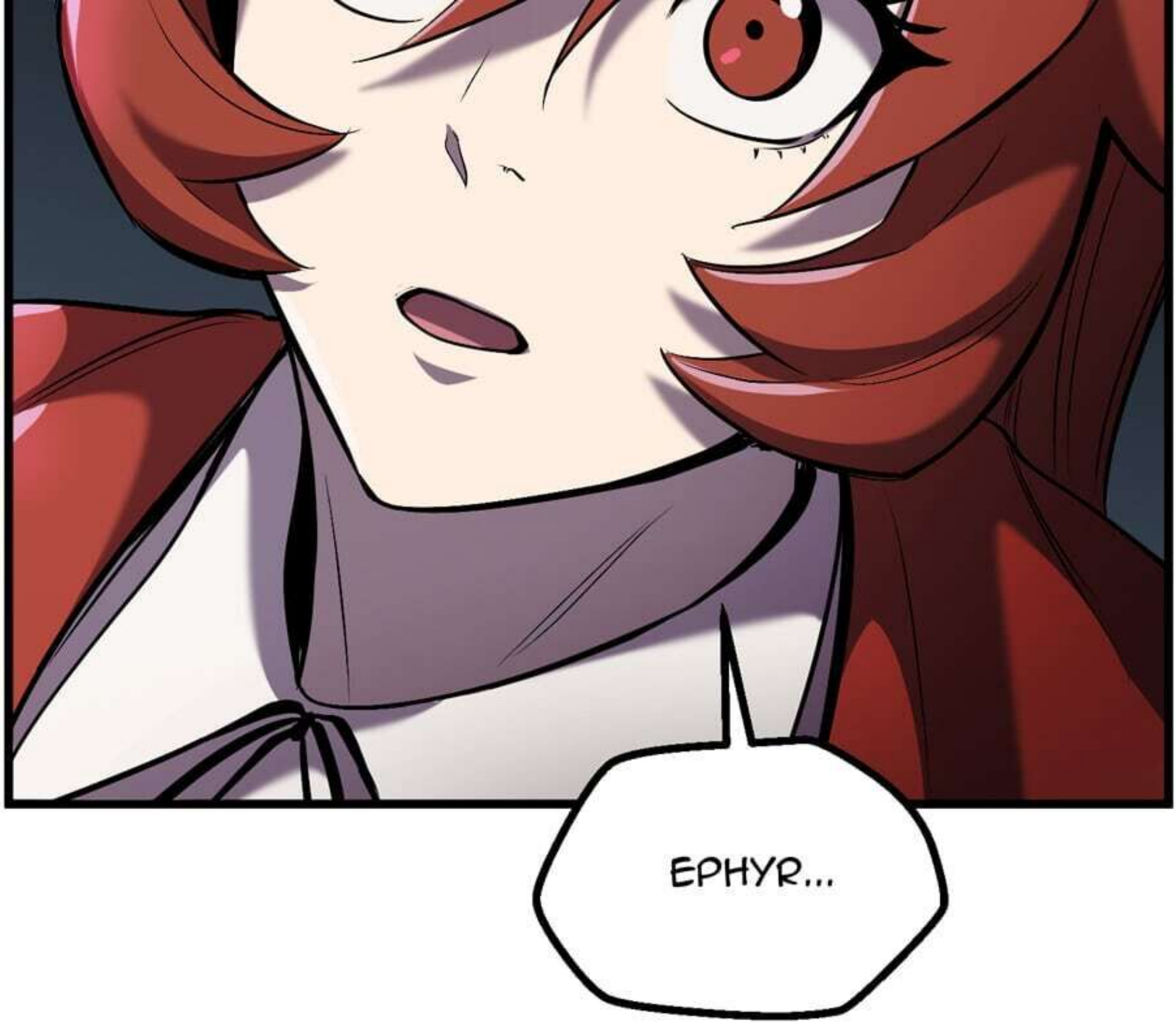
I...
I CAN DO IT TOO...

FWOOSH

EPHYR!

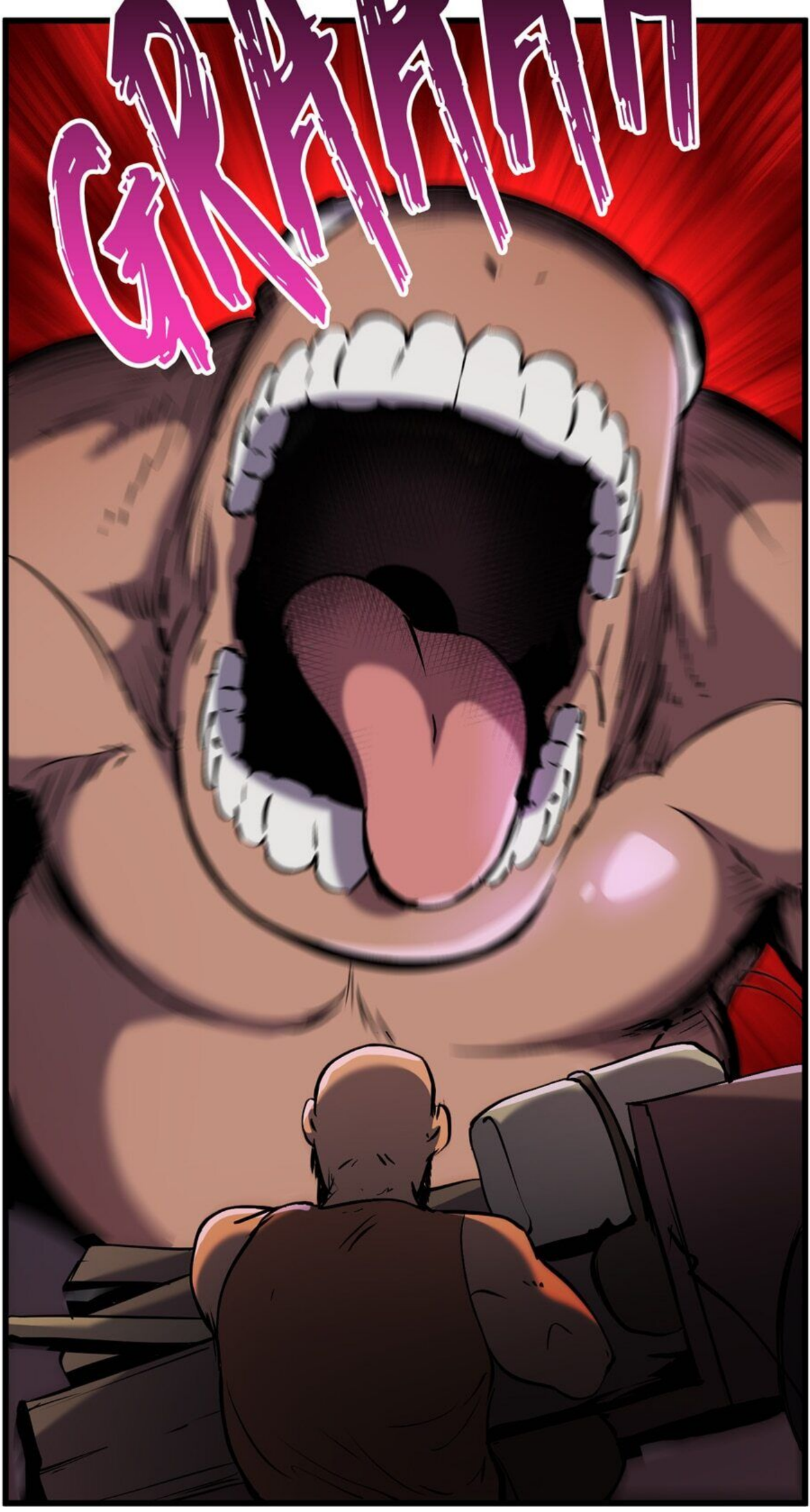
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! COME BACK HERE!




EPHYR...

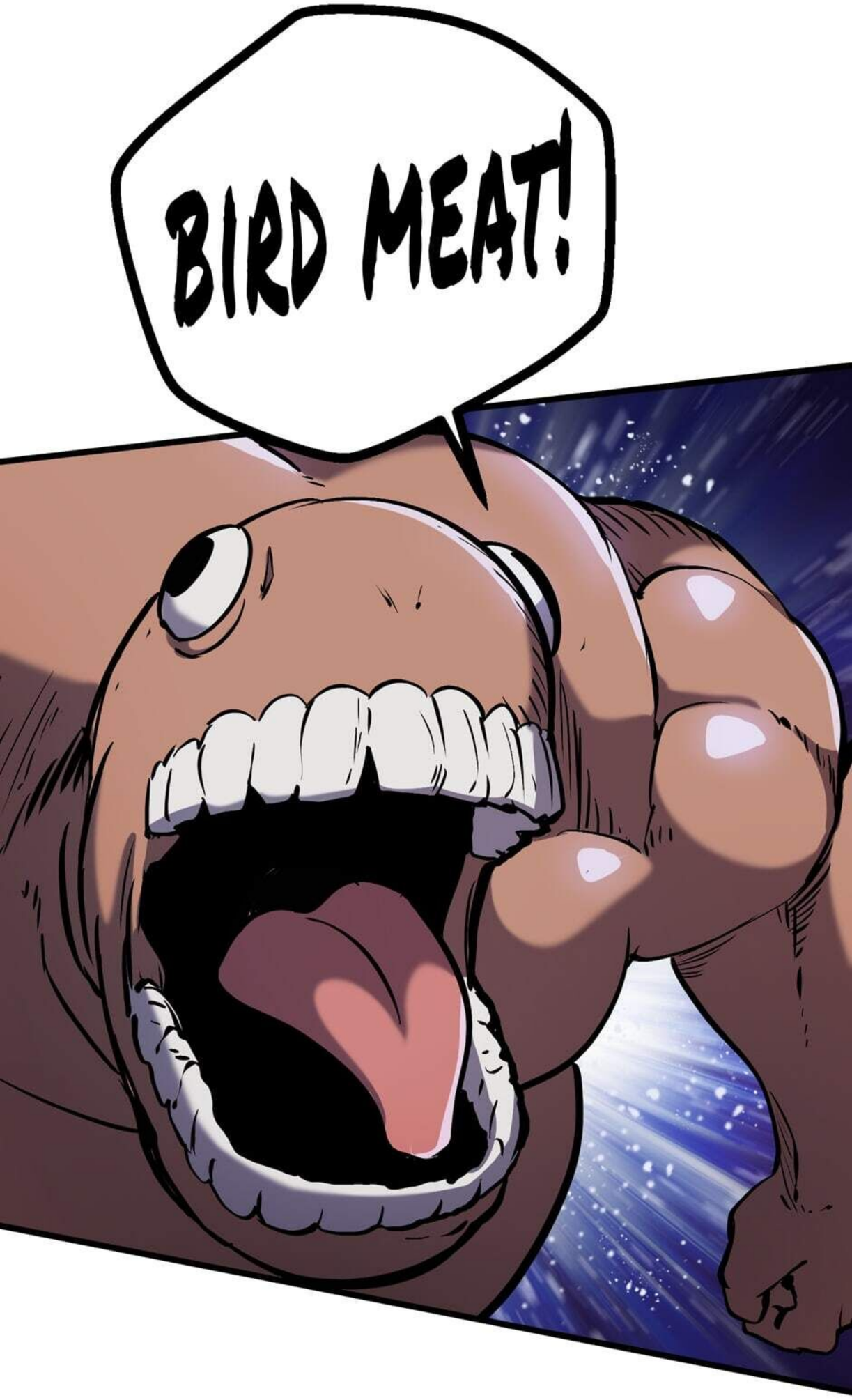
CALONDORO! RUN!!

M-MY LEG...


GRRRR!!!

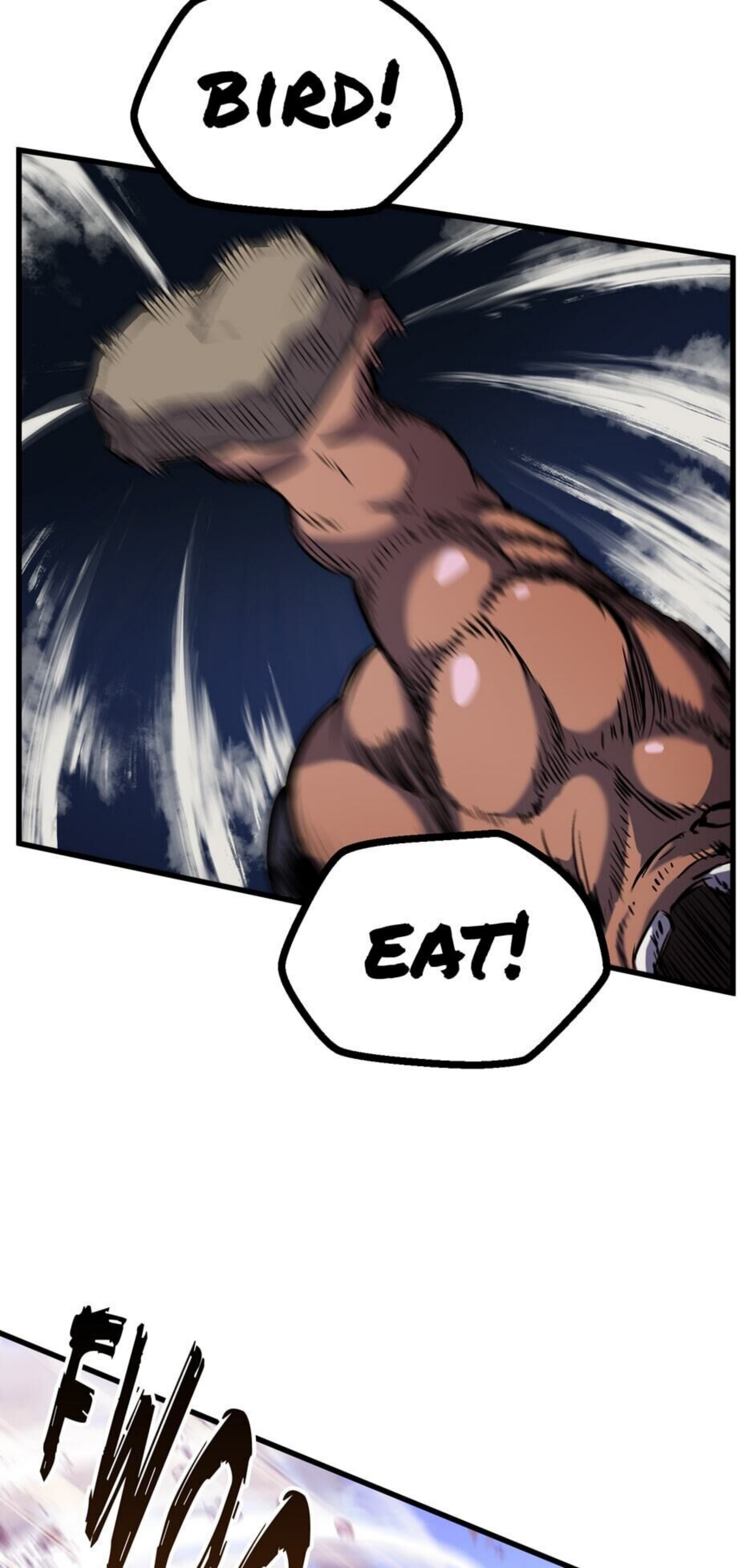
FWOOMSH
KCHHHK

H
OOSH


BIRD MEAT!

WHO ARE YOU CALLING 'BIRD MEAT'?!
I DON'T NEED TO RELY ON MISS ARTIS' FLAME MAGIC IF I KEEP MY DISTANCE IN THE AIR!

HE MAY BE LEVEL 51, BUT HE'S STILL JUST A MONSTER!
WANT EAT BIG BIRD MEAT!


BIRD!
EAT!

IT'S FAST!

BOOM

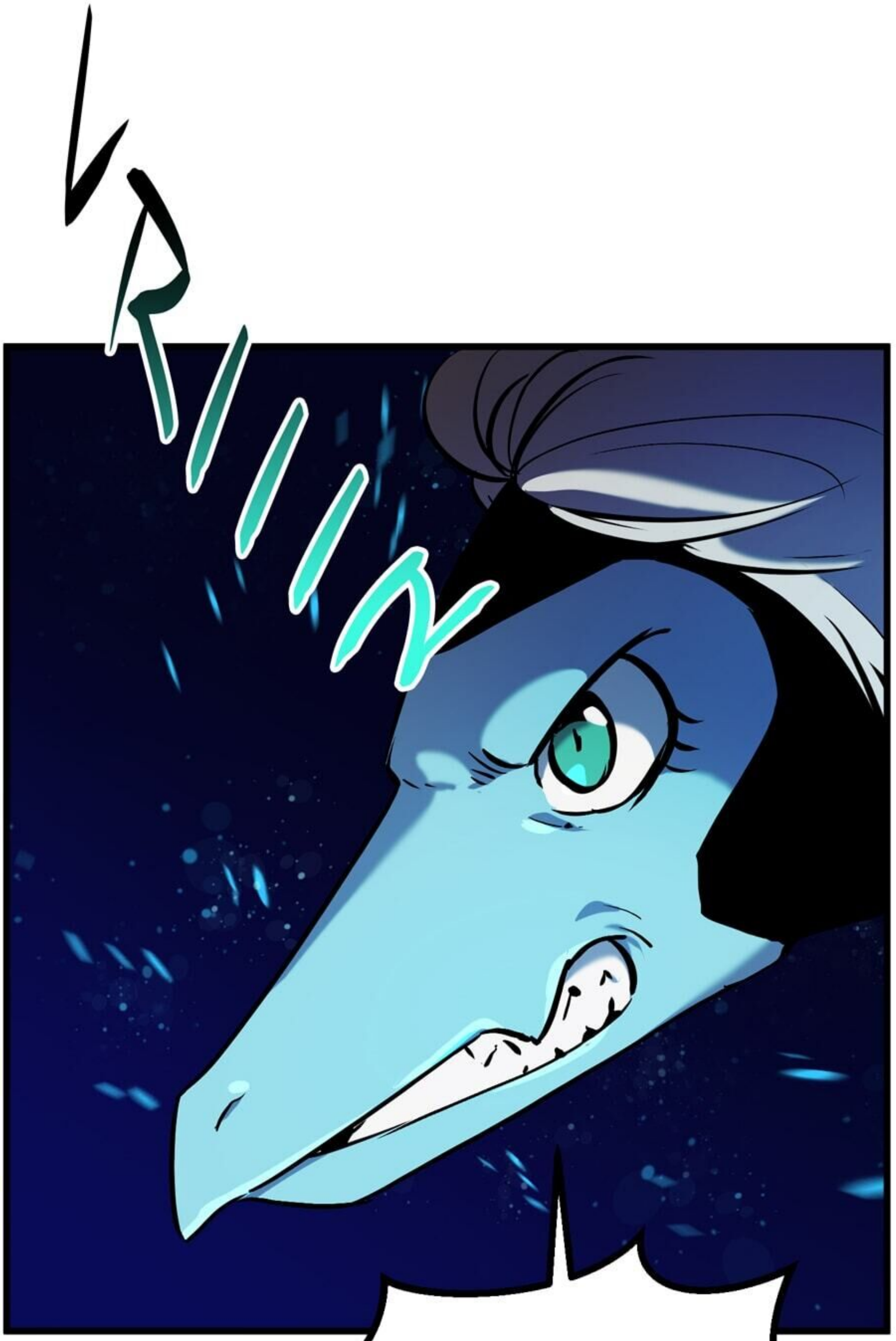
TWIP
BUT...!

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

BOOM

NOTHING CAN STOP ME AS LONG AS I'M FLYING!
WHOOSH

FWSH

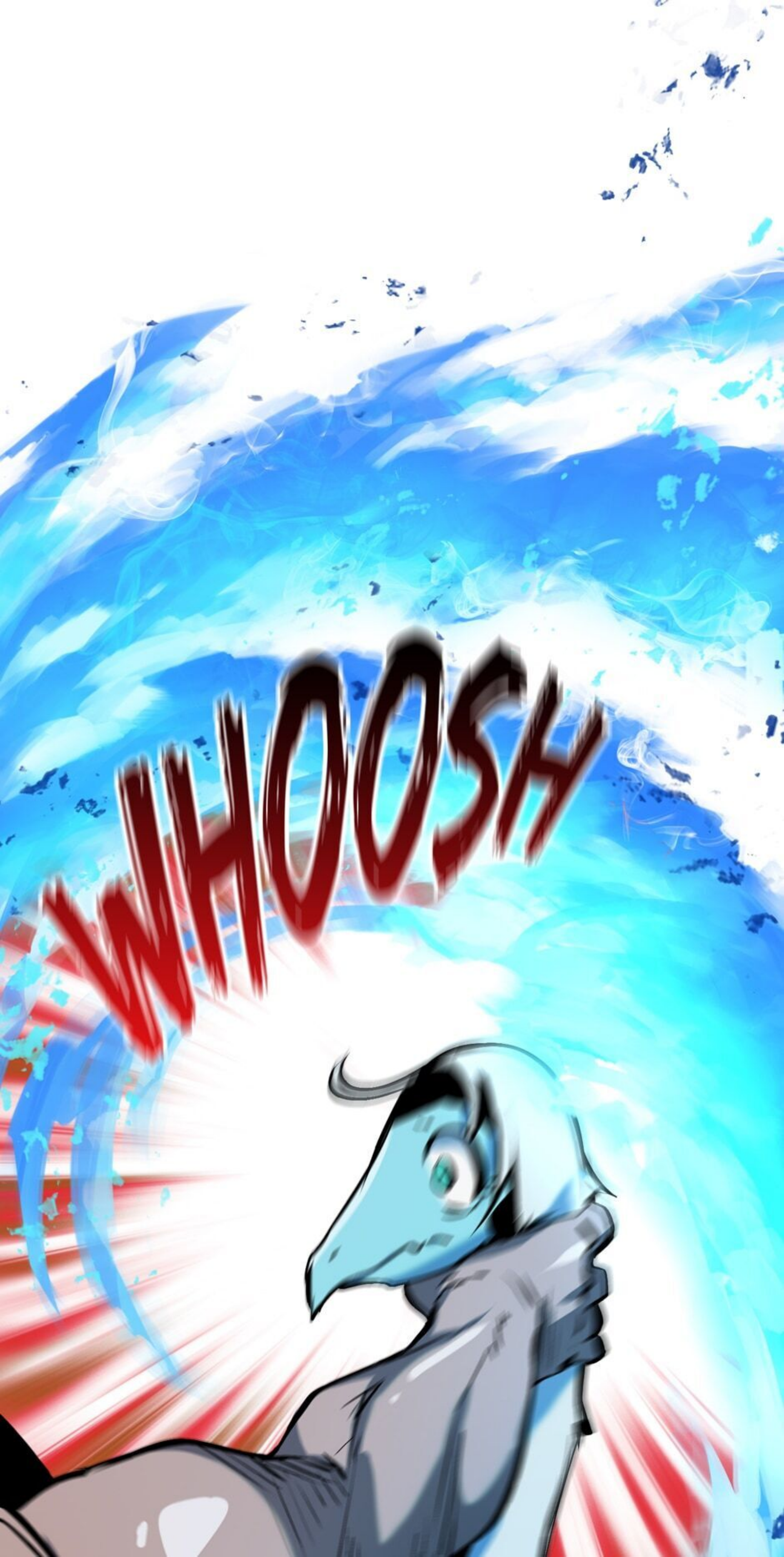


IF YOU'RE THAT HUNGRY...!

THEN EAT THIS!
FWOOMS+

OOH...!
FSHHHHH
SMELL...

GOOD...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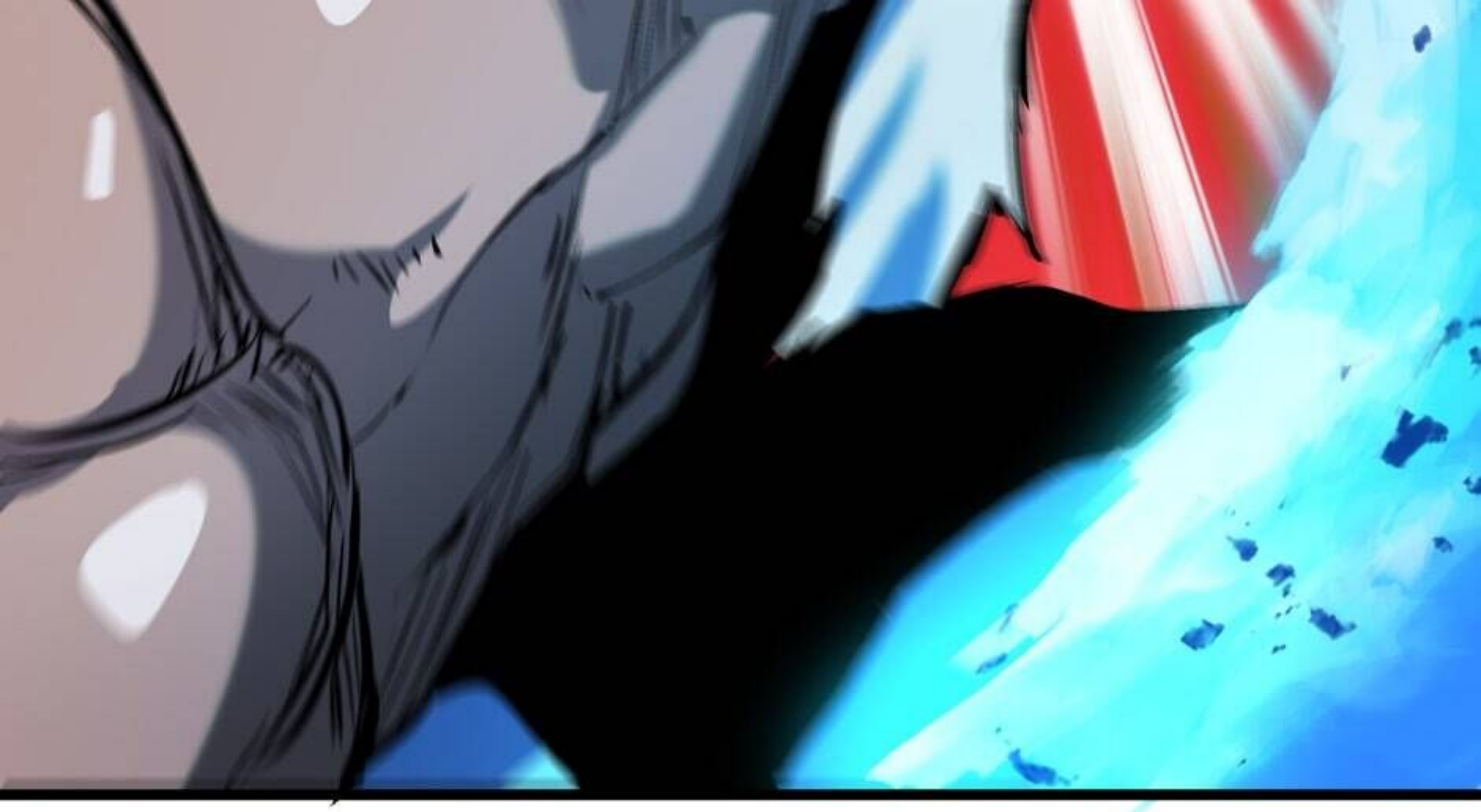
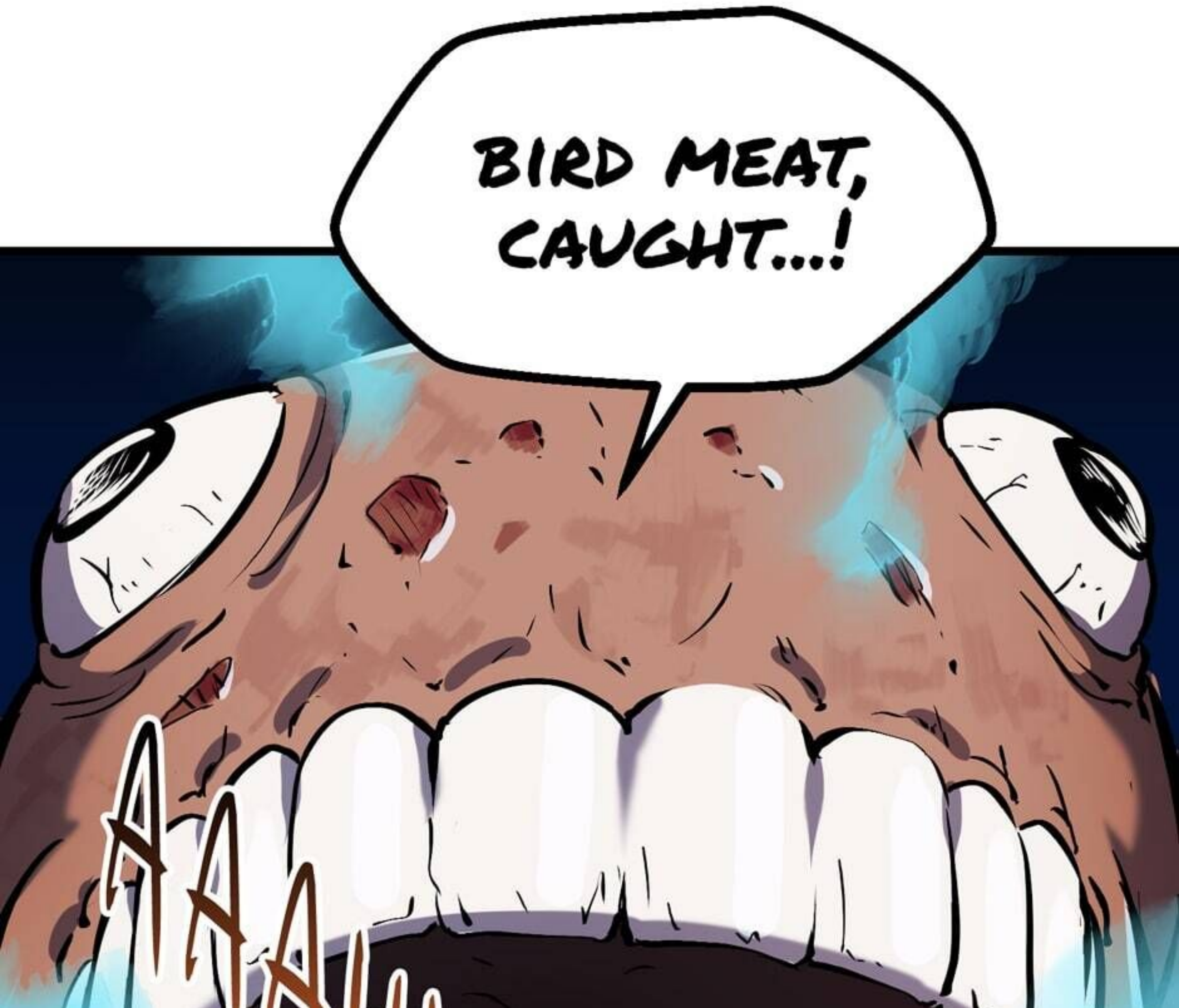
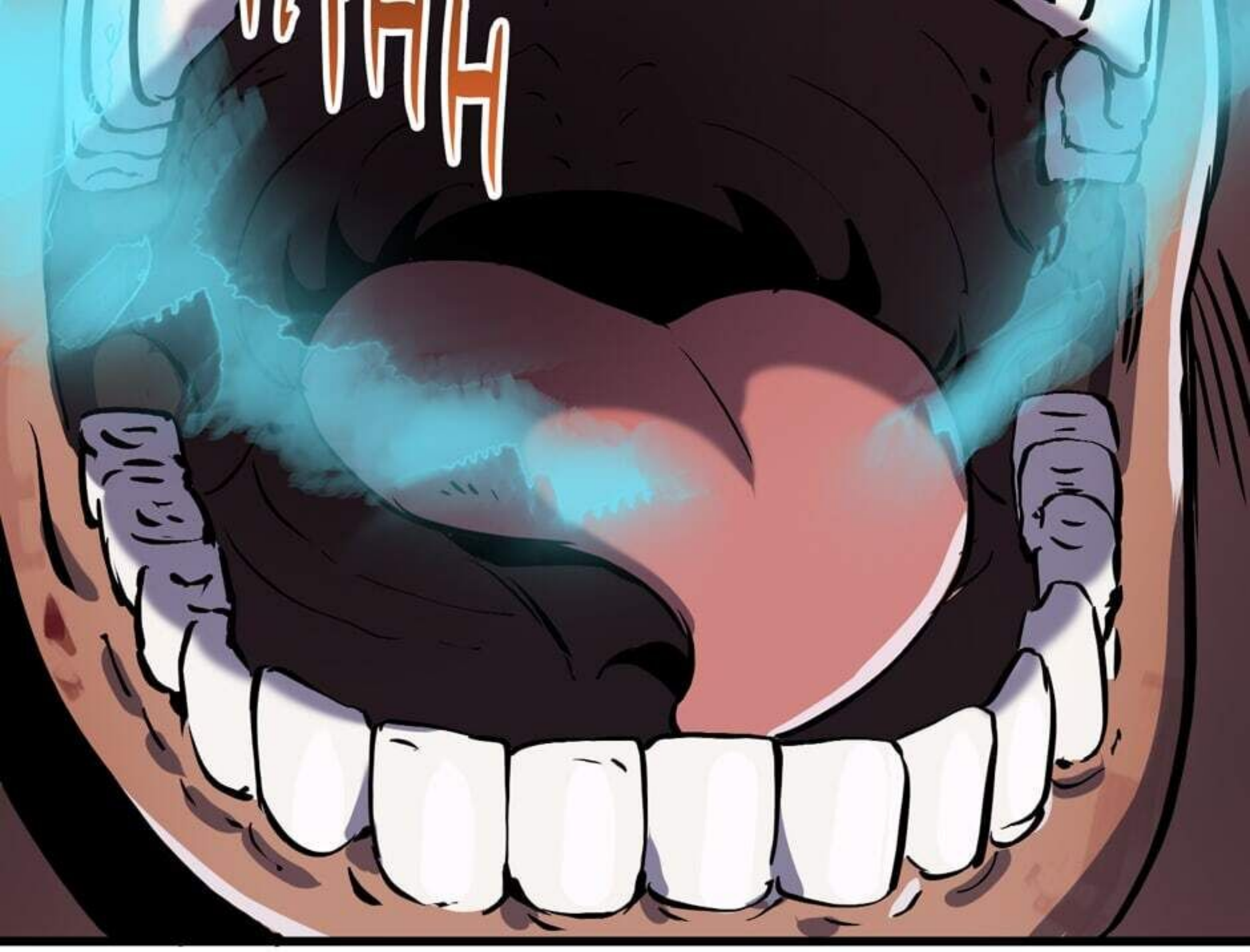



BIRD MEAT, CAUGHT...!
AAAH...



RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE

LATNA
SAGA
SURVIVAL OF A SWORD KING